

REGISTRATION POLICY

RESIDENT CARD

All residents of Salem are eligible for resident library cards. Library cards, adult or minor, held by residents of Salem are valid for three years from the date issued unless the card-holder moves out of Salem, in which case the card expires immediately, and the individual must then purchase a non-resident card.

Non-residents are eligible for resident library cards, valid for one year from the date issued, only if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Adults employed in town (must have current proof of employment)
- Former library employees and trustees.
- Temporary residents (see below)

TEMPORARY CARD

Adults living temporarily in Salem may get a free, temporary card valid for 90 days from the date issued. Proof of local address as well as proof of permanent address must be provided. Individuals eligible for temporary cards include:

- Long term family members
- Business persons staying in Salem

NON-RESIDENT CARD - ADULT

Adults who do not live in Salem and who do not meet any of the aforementioned conditions can purchase a non-resident card. Non-resident cards are issued to individuals at a yearly cost of \$40.00.

We only accept cards issued by member libraries of GMILCS.

We do not accept cards from any other library.

MINOR CARD - RESIDENT

Minor cards are issued to children from birth through age 17.

We accept cards issued by member libraries of GMILCS.

We do not honor any cards from any other library.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR GETTING A CARD

- Anyone interested in a card must fill out a registration form and sign it with the understanding that they are financially responsible for the materials they check out.
- Proof of residency must be shown. Primary addresses that are PO Boxes will not be accepted. Examples of proof of residency include:
 - Valid state license or id
 - Car registration
 - Envelope that has been delivered by the post office
 - Utility bill (with name and address included)

- Rent receipt (with name and address included)
- For non-resident cards, similar identification showing his/her current address must be shown. See above for examples.
- To renew an expired card, proof of residency must again be shown. A new card is not issued at renewal.
- Ownership of a Salem library card includes full participation in the GMILCS Common Borrower Card program.
- An adult customer must be listed as an approved borrower and have their own valid GMILCS card in order to collect holds for another borrower.
- Possession of a library card is taken as consent by the cardholder. Report lost or stolen cards immediately.

GENERAL GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO MINOR CARDS

- Minors from birth through age 17 can obtain their own library card when accompanied by their legal parent/guardian or a member of their household who is 18 years or older. The parent/guardian/adult must have a **valid ID and proof of residency**. **Online registration** can be used, but a legal parent/guardian/household member 18 years or older must accompany the minor to the library to provide proof of residency to receive the card.
- The rules above concerning renewal of expired cards or the replacement of lost cards also applies to minor cards.
- Possession of a library card is taken as consent by the cardholder. Report lost or stolen cards immediately.

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